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STRETCHABLE COLLAGEN MATERIAL AND MANUFACTURING METHOD AND

THE USE THEREOF

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449.

Applicants present these references so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see <u>Beckman Instruments</u>, <u>Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc.</u>, 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104. Applicants respectfully request that these references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record-hereinland applears 10565944 among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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